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Recycling Committee Minutes - 01/08/2008

Hopkinton/Webster Recycling Committee Meeting Minutes January 8, 2008

Present: David Lancaster, Katherine Mitchell, Mary Leadbeater, Debbie Augustine, Sally Embley, Don Lane, Steve Clough

Steve Clough joined the group before his water meeting. The committee went over the language for the memo to the Landfill Committee regarding the hauler accelerated fee proposal Steve would be presenting to the Landfill Committee at their next meeting. Steve said he believed they would next meet on February 14th. Debbie and Katherine said that they would like to attend the meeting. The Committee discussed 2007 recycling data that Steve had provided via e-mail. Sally wasn't included in Steve's e-mail and Debbie said that she would forward her a copy. Steve then had to leave for his other meeting.

David motioned to approve the minutes from the December meeting after some minor changes. Don seconded the motion. Sally abstained as she hadn't attended the meeting. The minutes were approved as amended.

Debbie asked the group if they would be interested in rotating the committee chair position. Nobody expressed any interest but the group said they appreciated the job she was doing. Don said that the Board of the Selectman could probably find someone to take on the role of chair, but Debbie indicated that she would like to hold off on that idea for the time being.

Debbie said that since PAYT was temporarily on hold, it was time to get back to focusing on helping the towns to recycle more. She suggested the group look at the recycling pages on the town website before next meeting and think about how to make them easier for viewers to access and other information to add. Katherine said that she would check to see why there was a decrease in paper recycling at the schools in 2007. The committee briefly discussed coming up with some sort of challenge for the schools to recycle more. Debbie will start working on updating the recycling brochure so it's ready in time for school and town meetings. Don asked her to include 2007's recycling rate in the committee's annual report to the town and beef up the language encouraging folks to recycle more, to which she agreed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Augustine